

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JESSIE L. MEDLIN, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

September 7, 1999

A. CALL TO ORDER

The September 7, 1999, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie L. Medlin of DeSoto County.

Sheriff James Albert Riley, DeSoto County Sheriff was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
Supervisor Jimmy James-----District 3
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk
David Armstrong-----County Administrator
James Albert Riley-----DeSoto County Sheriff
William Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Tommy Lewis.

C. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of August 1999, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisor's for August 1999. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Communicare - Employee Assistance Program

The County Administrator David Armstrong readdressed the offer from Communicare for five free counseling sessions for county employees, including elected officials. Ginger Allison, Personnel Director, told the Board of Supervisors that the employee assistance program is good; however, if an employee chooses to continue counseling sessions after the five free sessions, DeSoto County insurance will only pay for 80% of the cost because Communicare is not a BPPO.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to
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authorize the employee assistance program from Communicare for five free counseling sessions for all full-time county employees, including elected officials. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.1.****

2. Appointment - Horn Lake Library Board

Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to hold the issue. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Approval and Implementation of Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

DeSoto County Administrator, David Armstrong discussed the drug and alcohol testing policy for county employees. He said that the policy allows for reasonable suspicion drug and/or alcohol screening for all county employees and drug and/or alcohol screening for safety sensitive positions with or without reasonable suspicion. He said that the testing would be approximately \$40.00 to \$50.00 per test and no money was budgeted for this testing.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to adopt the drug and alcohol testing policy as recommended by Hunter Twiford and DeSoto County Administrator, David Armstrong. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.3.****

4. Workforce Investment Act

County Administrator David Armstrong reported the latest information received on the Workforce Investment Act to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Armstrong said that he and Jim Flanagan attended a meeting at Delta State University on August 30, 1999. He said that he talked to Ken Murphy and Mark Manning and was informed that the Delta Council will be involved in the Workforce Investment Act throughout the implementation. He said that he had also spoken with Preston McKay, County Administrator of Tate County, and he said that he was interested in a joint resolution between DeSoto and Tate Counties asking to be placed in the third SDA Region. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that DeSoto County needed to send a separate resolution to the Governor. The Board agreed to send the resolution approved in the meeting on August 27, 1999.

County Administrator David Armstrong said that the Board needed to appoint a supervisor to the WFI. Supervisor Eugene Thach volunteered to be the representative from DeSoto County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to appoint Supervisor Eugene Thach as the Workforce Investment Appointee from DeSoto County. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.4.****

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dale Thompson, Comptroller

a. Claims Docket

Stephanie Hanks of the Accounting Department of DeSoto County presented the claims docket and late bills to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The claims docket included various county bills including the following:

(1) Allen & Hoshall - Administration Building

Bills in connection with the Administration Building were presented by copy to each Supervisor.

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(2) Allen & Hoshall - Jail Renovations

Bills in connection with the DeSoto County Jail Renovations were presented by copy to each Supervisor. ****See Exhibit E.1.a.(2)****

(3) Waggoner Engineering - GIS

Bills in connection with the GIS needs and assessment implementation plan were presented by copy to each Supervisor. ****See Exhibit E.1.a.(3).**

(4) Panola Construction - Jail Renovations

Bills in connection with the DeSoto County Jail Renovations were presented by copy to each Supervisor. ****See Exhibit E.1.a.(4)****

(5) Panola Construction - Administration Building

Bills in connection with the DeSoto County Administration Building were presented by copy to each Supervisor. ****See Exhibit E.1.a.(5)****

(6) Civic Center

Bills in connection with the DeSoto County Civic Center were presented by copy to each Supervisor. ****See Exhibit E.1.a.(6)****

Comptroller Dale Thompson requested that the Board of Supervisors pick up the claims docket prior to the meetings so that each supervisor can review it and make changes prior to the claims docket being printed.

Stephanie Hanks said that all late bills are included on the claims docket. She said that some departments requested checks to be held until the equipment has been received. She said that a few departments have requested invoices prior to receiving equipment so that the expenses can be included on the current budget. The Board of Supervisors, at the advice of the Board Attorney, requested a list of all items in that category be provided to them and that those items be removed from the claims docket. Later in the meeting, the Accounting Office returned before the Board of Supervisors and said no items fell into that category other than the payment to North Central Electric where the work had been delayed. The Board of Supervisors agreed to hold this money over into FY00 budget if necessary to pay this bill in accordance with state purchasing laws. In addition, the Board of Supervisors agreed that any department wishing to hold funds from one budget year to the next for specific bills should come before the Board of Supervisors with that request, detailing the circumstances. The Board of Supervisors further instructed the County Administrator to council all department heads that to request checks prior to the actual receipt of goods shall not be tolerated and is not in compliance with state purchasing laws.

Comptroller Dale Thompson asked County Administrator David Armstrong to emphasize the importance of the Purchasing Department's job to know what can and cannot be purchased according to the state purchasing laws.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how volunteer fire departments determine what expenses come out of the millage. Comptroller Dale Thompson said that the volunteer fire departments submit a budget each year that set out their expenses.

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EMS Bills - Stephanie Hanks told the Board of Supervisors that the EMS bills that had to be approved by the judge had gone through that process and were in the claims docket.

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Park Funds - Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if Park Funds can be transferred to the cities. Board Attorney Bill Austin said he is researching that now.

The Board of Supervisors asked Comptroller Dale Thompson to verify that the bill for night light in the park is correct.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the claims docket for claim #7142- #7714 and authorized the clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.1.a.(1).(2).(3).(4).(5).(6).**

b. Budget Amendment

(1) Justice Court

The Comptroller Dale Thompson said the budget amendment for Justice Court was not necessary. No action was taken on this issue.

(2) Sheriff’s Department

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff’s Department under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-222-552	Prisoner Medical Costs	\$ 88,377.00
Increase	001-000-321	Revenue from State	\$ 88,377.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

2. Accepting Request to Set Levy for Drainage District

Vanessa Lynchard presented the requests for setting the levy for the water districts for fiscal year 2000. Vanessa said that they are the same as last year. Supervisor Jimmy James made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the requests to set the levy for the water district as follows:

Yazoo Mississippi Delta Joint Water Management District	0.61
Cane Mussacuna Drainage District	4.00
Northwest Mississippi Consolidated District	0.00
Short Fort Creek Drainage District	0.25
Lake Cormorant Drainage District	2.60
Walls Sewer District Interest & Sinking	\$34,780.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **** See Exhibit E.2.****

3. Approval of FY2000 Budget and Setting Tax Levy 2000

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the Board received the letter from the District Attorney’s

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Office requesting additional money for computers. County Administrator David Armstrong said he considered the request in the budget.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked about the contingency fund for fiscal year 2000. County Administrator David Armstrong said that there is \$100,000.00 in contingency funds.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked about the millage for the Board of Education. County Administrator David Armstrong said that the Board of Education had requested 39.63 mills. Mr. Armstrong said the millage for the Board of Education and for DeSoto County is the same as it was last year. The Board of Supervisors agreed to set the levy for the Board of Education at 39.63 mills as requested.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked about the library budget. County Administrator David Armstrong said that the library requested \$758,000.00 and received \$716,812.00, which is a straight 5% increase. Supervisor Lewis said he would like to see the library get more than that because of the services that the library provides. The Board of Supervisors agreed to increase the library budget to \$730,000.00 for fiscal year 2000.

BE IT ORDERED:

That the County Budget prepared under the provisions of Section 19-11-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000, and will be entered at length and in detail upon the minutes of this Board following this Order. Further, the Board of Supervisors agreed to set the tax levy at 83.78 mills as detailed and in accordance with Section 19-5-23 of the Mississippi Code. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adopt the budget and to set the millage at 83.78 mills. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Jimmy James	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	NO
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach clarified that he accepted the budget for fiscal year 2000 as a whole but did not support any increase in salaries above 7%.

****See Exhibit E.3.****

4. Legislative Wish List

Vanessa Lynchard presented a draft of the Legislative Wish List 2000 to the Board of Supervisors. Vanessa said that she used last years Legislative Wish List and determined which issues were not handled and tried to build from that. She asked the Board of Supervisors if they had any additions or comments.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about having brick mailboxes on state roads. Vanessa said she would get more information on that issue. Supervisor John Caldwell said he would like to see the State address the issue because DeSoto County cannot change its policy unless the State does and there should be some room for adjusting the State policy.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about the Church Road underpass. Vanessa Lynchard said that Road Manager Kenny Gunn put that issue on the Wish List.

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Supervisor Jimmy James asked about drainage easements. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that it is not fair for cities to have their drainage problems addressed and the county residents not to have the problems addressed. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested that when the Board of Supervisors accepts a new subdivision with an underground drainage system, the county should address the drainage problems. Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested having a hydraulic engineer’s approval for adequate drainage before the Board authorizes any new subdivisions.

The Board of Supervisors discussed problems residents often experience when trying to address drainage problems and the enormous expense involved.

Board Attorney Bill Austin said the law is clear on that matter. He said that unless drainage is impacting roads, it cannot be addressed. Board Attorney Bill Austin reminded the Board of Supervisors that they recently hired a subdivision inspector to help with this issue and just today approved millage for drainage districts. Mayor Greg Davis of Southaven said that preconstruction and post construction must have detention and retention basins before a subdivision is okayed. He said that if the City of Southaven call it a drainage easement, the city has the authority to address the problem.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said this should be handled by drainage districts.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the problem may be that the second subdivision causes the problem at the first subdivision. Supervisor Tommy Lewis agreed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said if the county addresses the problems, they will have to do the same for city residents.

Supervisor Jimmy James made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take the Legislative Wish List under advisement. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

****See Exhibit E.4.****

5. Jail Inspection

In accordance with Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, which states that a least annually, and as often as it may think proper, the Board of Supervisors, or a competent person authorized by the Board of Supervisors, shall examine into the state and condition of the jail, in regard to its safety, sufficiency and accommodation of the prisoners, and from time to time take such legal measures as may best tend to secure the prisoners against escape, sickness and infection, and have the jail cleansed.

Having completed such inspection, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to acknowledge the inspection of the DeSoto County jail by the Board of Supervisors as outlined in Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **** See Exhibit E.5.****

6. Kenny Gunn - Road Report and Work Schedule

Kenny Gunn presented the Road Report and Work Schedule to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Supervisor John Caldwell informed Kenny Gunn that there is a turnaround area in the park located in District 3 across from the Highway 301 ballfields where a dip needs to be fixed.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Road Report for August, 1999 and the Work Schedule for September, 1999,

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pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.6.****

7. Chancery Court Allowances

Allowances for the Chancery Court Clerk were presented to the Board of Supervisors for the August, 1999, term in the amount of \$ 2,306.66. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the Chancery Clerk Allowances

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pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.7.****

8. Bailiff Pay

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, of Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to pay Tommy Carr the amount of \$ 200.00 for the month of August, 1999, and to pay Jerry Easley the amount of \$ 280.00 for the month of August, 1999. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.8.****

9. Justice Court Report

Supervisor Jessie Medlin informed the Board of Supervisors that Linda Aldridge was not present to present the Justice Court Report because of a scheduling conflict and that she had left the report with Vanessa to present to the Board. Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Justice Court Report for the month of August, 1999. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Jimmy James	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.9****

10. Publication of Board Proceedings

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in connection with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Jimmy James	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

11. Approval of Travel

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve travel for Supervisor Tommy Lewis and WEA/EAI to Washington, D.C. on

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September 13 and September 14, 1999 to attend an EPA meeting and authorized the clerk to write the check in the amount of \$1083.00. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Jimmy James	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or

employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of September 8, 1999 to October 4, 1999, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to authorize travel for all officials and employees of DeSoto County for the period of September 8, 1999 to October 4,1999. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Jimmy James	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

**** See Exhibit E.11.b. and E.11.c.****

12. GIS Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan - Final Report

County Administrator David Armstrong recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the GIS Final Report under advisement until Waggoner Engineering comes to discuss the report with the Board. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take the GIS Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan Final Report under advisement. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Jimmy James	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.12.****

13. Cops Universal Hiring Grant - Sheriff's Department

Vanessa Lynchard presented the COPS Universal Hiring Supplemental Award to the Board of Supervisors. Vanessa said that the Board approved the grant for \$207,000.00 and the award package was actually for \$209,000.00 to hire 3 officers over a 3 year period. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to accept the COPS Universal Hiring Grant and to authorize Board President Jessie Medlin to sign the necessary paperwork accepting the grant. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.13.****

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14. 911 Commission Appointees

Supervisor Jimmy James questioned giving control of the E911 Commission to the cities through this appointment. Supervisor James agreed the cities should have representation.

Supervisor John Caldwell said whoever lives in the cities lives in the counties.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he does not want to replace those actually participating with people who may not participate. Supervisor Eugene Thach said E911 is supposed to represent the whole county. Further, if one of the cities does not want to pay, they do not have to be a part.

The Board of Supervisors asked who has authority. The Board Attorney Bill Austin said the Board of Supervisors makes the appointment and the appointee has the authority. Mr. Austin said the Board could appoint themselves. The Mississippi Code, Section 19-5-307 gives authority to the Board on the E911 Board.

Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold this item over until September 20, 1999. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Jimmy James	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

****See Exhibit E.14.****

15. Qualifying Statement of Intent - Candidate for Party Nomination

Vanessa Lynchard presented qualifying statements of intent for candidates for the office of Election Commissioner for W. T. “Ted” Mayhall, Jr. and Ouida W. Shrader. Vanessa said that candidates for Election Commissioner cannot certify their petitions so the Board of Supervisors has to approve them after the Circuit Clerk has certified them. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Qualifying Statement of Intent for a Candidate for Party Nomination. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.15.****

16. Tax Exemptions

a. Fraenkel Company

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council Tax Advisory Committee recommended a ten (10) year tax exemption on real property in the amount of \$ 289,504.00 for Fraenkel Company.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the ten (10) year tax exemption for Fraenkel Company on real property in the amount of \$ 289,504.00 as recommended by the Tax Advisory Committee. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.16.a.****

b. Ashland Inc., (Valvoline)

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council Tax Advisory Committee recommended a five (5) year tax exemption on personal property in the amount of \$1,235,157.00 for Ashland Inc., (Valvoline).

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the five (5) year tax exemption for Ashland Inc., (Valvoline) on personal property in the amount of \$1,235,157.00 as recommended by the Tax Advisory Committee. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.16.b.****

c. Quebecor Printing

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council Tax Advisory Committee recommended a seven (7) year tax exemption on personal property in the amount of \$12,206,465.00 for Quebecor Printing.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the seven (7) year tax exemption for Quebecor Printing on personal property in the amount of \$12,206,465.00 as recommended by the Tax Advisory Committee. The **motion**

passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.16.c.****

d. Astro Met

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council Tax Advisory Committee recommended a ten (10) year tax exemption on real property and personal property in the amount of \$ 479,393.00 and a freeport warehouse exemption for Astro Met.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the ten (10) year tax exemption for Astro Met on real and personal property in the amount of \$ 479,393.00 and a freeport warehouse exemption as recommended by the Tax Advisory Committee. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.16.d.****

17. Accept Semi-Annual Jail Inspection Report

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to accept the Semi-Annual County Jail Inspection Report conducted by the State Fire Marshall's Office for the period July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.17.****

18. Agreement between Summershill Fire Protection District and the City of Southaven

Mayor Greg Davis of the City of Southaven and EMS Director Bobby Storey presented an agreement between Summershill Fire Protection District and the City of Southaven to the Board of Supervisors. Mayor Davis said that the agreement covers taxation only and that the figure would be reconsidered if there are any future annexations.

Supervisor Jimmy James made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the agreement between Summershill Fire Protection District and the City of Southaven into the minutes and direct the Clerk of the Board to give a copy of the minutes containing this agreement to the Tax Assessor so that he may correct the rolls according to the boundaries of the fire protection district. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.18.****

19. Accepting FY98 Audit Report into Minutes

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the FY98 Audit Report presented by the State of Mississippi Office of the State Auditor for the year ending September 30, 1998 into the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.19.****

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20. Justice Court - Approval to Purchase Software - Larry Woods

Vanessa Lynchard presented a request to purchase software for Justice Court from Larry Woods. Vanessa said that Larry Woods wanted to purchase the software on the current budget. The Board of Supervisors said suggested holding this issue until more information is received from Larry Woods. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold this issue. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.20****

21. Metro Narcotics - Proceeds from Sale

Supervisor Jimmy James made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept proceeds from surplus items sold at the Metro Narcotics Auction on August 14, 1999 netting \$18,783.90 after expenses. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.21.****

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22. BellSouth Mobility

a. County Court Judge - New Telephone

Vanessa Lynchard explained that County Court Judge Mills Barbee is not pleased with his cellular telephone and would like to take advantage of a special at BellSouth Mobility where a 5120 Nokia telephone is 50% off at a sale price of \$39.50. Vanessa said that Judge Barbee's telephone can be used for another use later.

Vanessa presented a contract for the telephone requested by Judge Barbee. She said that when people want to change telephones and it is not an approved phone, the Board of Supervisors has to approve it. She said the approved phones are \$29.95 and \$19.95. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a new telephone for the County Court Judge at \$39.50. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.22.a.****

b. Fire/EMS - Analog Package

Vanessa Lynchard told the Board of Supervisors that Bobby Storey and Mike Hancock wanted to change from digital service back to analog because they are dissatisfied with the service they are receiving. Vanessa said she had talked to Camille Chatham, the representative for BellSouth Mobility and she said that changing from digital to analog is not going to fix the problem. She said that BellSouth is working on a solution to the problem and that all companies are having the same problem with reception. Vanessa asked that this item be held until she gets a contract from Camille Chatham. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to hold this issue until further information is received from a BellSouth Mobility expert stating that changing the contract to analog will fix the reception problem. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

23. Administration Building - Opportunity to Expand Wrought Iron Fence

Vanessa Lynchard informed the Board of Supervisors that Panola Construction had ordered too much wrought iron fencing for the administration building and offered to use it in place of the wood fence that was supposed to go on the west side of the administration building. She said that it would be at no extra charge to the county. She said that Jim Bearden had spoken to Mr. Bingham, the homeowner on the west side of the administration building and he said he had no problem having the wrought iron fence on his property instead of the wood privacy fence. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to

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expand the wrought iron fence around the administration building at no extra cost. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.23.****

24. Inventory - Bonnie Gatlin

a. Accepting Inventory Audit Report into Minutes

Board Secretary, Bonnie Gatlin presented the Inventory Audit Report to the Board of Supervisors prepared by the Office of the State Auditor. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the Inventory Audit Report into the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.24.a.****

b. Approval of Inventory Disposal Report

Board Secretary, Bonnie Gatlin presented an inventory disposal request from Kenny Evans to dispose of a broken microphone and stand. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded a motion to approve the disposal of Property Number 298, a

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microphone with stand. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.24.b.****

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The “Executive Session” portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called “Executive Session.

B. OTHER ISSUES

1. Petition to Adjust - Approval of Homestead Exemptions

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the petition to adjust homestead exemption supplemental roll as presented by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.
****See Exhibit G.1****

2. Traffic Count - Kenny Gunn

Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented a copy of the traffic count to the Board of Supervisors. Kenny Gunn said that he began the traffic count in March of this year. He said that the counter is left on a road for 7 days. He said that he averages 3 to 4 traffic counts per month. ****See Exhibit G.2.****

3. Administration Building - Telephones

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how many phones are going to be in the new administration building. Vanessa Lynchard said that they have meetings every Tuesday about the phones and that there are over 100 extensions in the administration building. She said that Harold Moore is present at the meetings and that the meetings have been very productive. Vanessa Lynchard updated the Board on the progress of the meetings and said the contract with Harold Moore included data and telephone issues.

4. Approval of Travel

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve travel for Supervisor John Caldwell to Washington, D.C. on September 13 and September 14, 1999 to attend an EPA meeting and authorized the clerk to write the check in

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the amount \$1,083.00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

5. Bass Landing Boat Ramp - Kenny Gunn

Road Manager Kenny Gunn reported to the Board of Supervisors about the boat ramp at bass landing. He said that the creek keeps taking the bottom of the boat ramp out. He said that he spoke with the Corp of Engineers and they advised that the best and least expensive solution to the problem would be to redirect the creek out into the river just north of the boat ramp.

6. EMS - Franklin Collections

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to authorize EMS to instruct Franklin Collections to take Julie Roark and Michael Newson to court for nonpayment of EMS bills. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Jimmy James	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

****See Exhibit G.6.****

7. Airways Road

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked County Engineer Daniel Murphy to investigate to see if funds are available in the bridge funds to cover the expansion of Airways Road. Daniel Murphy said that he thought the state aid could be spent for other purposes if the bridges are in proper order.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked for a breakdown of state aid. County Engineer Daniel Murphy advised that the Bethel Road widening and overlay is included in the current funding. He said that he cannot program any state aid funds until January, 2000.

8. Robinson Gin Road

County Engineer Daniel Murphy reported that the Belmont Water Association needs to install a right of way on Robinson Gin Road for water service. Daniel Murphy said he had no problem giving a 5 foot right of way with no expense to DeSoto County. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize Board Attorney Bill Austin to draw up a right of way agreement between DeSoto County and Belmont Water Association. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to recess until September 8, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 7th day of September, 1999, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Jessie L. Medlin, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

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